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SUBJECT: LAWRENCE K. LUNT, AMERICAN CITIZEN IMPRISONED IN CUBA

REF: STATE 4475

1. DCM MET JANUARY 11 WITH RAOUL SCHOUMAKER, DEPUTY TO FONMIN SECRETARY GENERAL TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST, SCHOUMAKER SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD INSTRUCT BELGIAN CHARGE TO CONSULT WITH PAPAL NUNCIO IN HAVANA AND SUPPORT HIS DEMARCHE TO CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

2. SCHOUMAKER NOTED THAT GOB CONTINUES TO SEEK WAYS TO INFLUENCE CUBAN ATTITUDE IN CASES OF LUNT AND CUBAN NAMED PUIG, FORMER HONORARY CONSUL FOR BELGIUM, WHO ALSO IS IN PRISON. EARLIER THIS WEEK, FOR EXAMPLE, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INSTRUCTED BELGIAN CHARGE TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO CUBAN CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON UNICEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. CHARGE WAS AUTHORIZED TO LINK THIS FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO BELGIAN HOPE FOR CUBAN COOPERATION IN CERTAIN HUMANITARIAN CASES IN FUTURE. ALSO, NEW BELGIAN AMBASSADOR, WHO NOW AWAITING CUBAN AGREEMENT, WILL MAKE DEMARCHE ON LUNT AND PUIG CASES SOON AFTER ARRIVING IN HAVANA. SCHOUMAKER DID NOT HAVE FULL INFORMATION ON VAN ELSLANDE-PATRICIO EXCHANGE
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(LISBON 11) BUT PROMISED TO BRIEF EMBASSY ON BELGIAN VIEW OF MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. AFTER REVIEW OF FULL LUNT FILE, SCHOUMAKER WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ON POSSIBILITY OF FINDING WAY TO REACH CUBANS OTHER THAN ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS UNLESS PORTUGUESE CAN BE PERSUADED TO RELEASE PERALTA. (BELGIAN THEME THAT FAMILY OF LUNT'S WIFE INFLUENTIAL AND THAT DETENTION THEREFORE ENDANGERS BELGIAN-CUBAN RELATIONS, HE SAID, HAS HAD LITTLE EFFECT.) SCHOUMAKER WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT PORTUGUESE WOULD REVERSE THEMSELVES, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT BY NOW PERALTA WOULD SEEM TO BE OF LITTLE USE TO PORTUGUESE AND THAT HIS DETENTION WOULD NOT DISSUADE CUBANS FROM ADVERTURISM IN PROTUGUESE GUINEA. HE OBSERVED THAT, IF ALL ELSE FAILS, USUAL CUBAN POLICY OF PAROLE AFTER ONE-THIRD OF PRISON TERM EXPIRES MAY MEAN LUNT HAS ONLY TWO MORE YEARS OF 30 YEAR SENTENCE LEFT TO SERVE.

4. SCHOUMAKER EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY IN LUNT CASE AND NOTED MINISTRY'S DESIRE THAT CLOSE COOPERATION CONTINUE.
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